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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

MS Amendment  
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This responds to the Office Action mailed on January 4, 2005. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a three-month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action, thereby moving the deadline for response from April 4, 2005 to July 4, 2005 (National Holiday).